

HIGH COAL PRICES

Any Shortage in Production Will Be a Pretext For Increase

Washington, Aug. 15.—Replying to a senate resolution, Director General of Railroads Hines informed the senate today that while there had been some coal shortage in the bituminous coal districts, he did not "anticipate any shortages in transportation which will be any sense exceptional or abnormal or which will justify oppressive prices for coal."

"The great danger that confronts the public in the matter," the director general asserted, is "that any shortage either in production by the mines or in transportation may be exaggerated so as to serve as a pretext for increasing prices on coal— which, in my opinion are already high, generally speaking. It is worthy of serious consideration whether congressional action can be taken to protect the public under these circumstances from excessive coal prices."

The senate resolution to which Mr. Hines replied was introduced by Senator Pomeroy of Ohio and asked superficially for information as to the number of coal cars available and whether the coal car situation could be held responsible for any possible shortage of coal.

"There has at no time been any shortage of cars for anthracite coal loading," Mr. Hines said in reply. "Since about July 15, 1919, coincident with a marked upward trend in production there have been some shortages of cars for loading with bituminous coal in some producing districts, mainly in Eastern Kentucky, Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania and usually in districts producing the higher grades of coal. A strike of marine workers on coastwise ships, floods and other operating difficulties have contributed to these shortages. Contemporaneously, however, there still exists slight surpluses of open top cars in some sections, principally in the West."

Regarding the car supply, Mr. Hines said there were 1,067,000 open top cars in the United States, 99 per cent, or which were on federally operated railroads while less than 10 per cent of these awaited repairs. He estimated that about 775,000 cars were suitable for coal loading. Forty-five thousand new cars, he said, have been or will be placed in the service as rapidly as practicable.

ADDRESS HOUSE ON COST OF LIVING

Washington, Aug. 16.—A capitalistic monopoly and organized labor must cease profiteering in goods and wages, J. R. Howard, president of the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation, told the senate and house agricultural committee. He said the farmers are not responsible for the high living cost. He warned against strikes and urged an increase in production.

BRITISH CHARGE ORDERED TO LEAVE

Washington, Aug. 16.—William Cummings, British charge de affairs to Mexico, has been ordered to leave the country by Carranza.

WOULD HAVE TO MAKE NEW TREATY

Swamp Scott, Mass., Aug. 16.—Senator Hitchcock declared here that a new treaty with Germany will be necessary if textual changes are made in the present one.

Dr. D. W. Green, formerly of Charleston, and recently discharged from the United States Navy, has moved to Sumter for the purpose of practicing medicine and surgery. Dr. Green will limit his practices to diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat.

The magistrate states that Joe Wells, who is held for the shooting of Fritz Behre, will get no preliminary hearing so far as he knows. Wells, however, may get a hearing before a circuit judge in order to get out on bond.

Had to Crawl Up And Down Stairs

Hagerstown, Md., Man Was All Crippled Up With Rheumatism. Tells How He Found Medicine That Relieved Him

It certainly requires a medicine of great power and extraordinary virtue to save a man or woman brought near the dark grave by disease and suffering.

John W. Petre of 127 Fairground Avenue, Hagerstown, Md., was all crippled up with rheumatism of the joints and muscles. He was in a pitiable condition. "I was full of pain all over my body," he says in a signed statement. "I could hardly move. I had to crawl up and down the stairs."

But his words of sorrow and suffering have been changed to a song of gladness as he now says, joyfully, "But now I walk as good as ever, and I'm sure proud of it. I owe it all to the new herb medicine—Dreco!"

"First I didn't think there was any medicine made could touch my case or help me the least bit. But I've changed my mind about that because this Dreco medicine certainly changed me from a cripple into a well man. I wouldn't be without a bottle of Dreco in my house for anything."

Dreco is made from juices and extracts of many medicinal herbs which act on the vital organs in a pleasant and prompt manner.

Dreco is highly recommended in Sumter by Sibert's Drug Store.—Advt. R-6

Coblenz, Aug. 16.—The first Division, which was the first to land in France, and were the captors of Cantigny, begins leaving the Rhine tomorrow.

BOLL WEEVIL ON KINARD'S PLACE

Pest Makes Appearance in Colleton County

Bamberg, Aug. 14.—Geo. R. Briggs, farm demonstration agent for Bamberg county discovered the boll weevil this week on J. F. Kinard's place, just one mile over the line in Colleton county, below Ehrhardt. Mr. Briggs brought a number of specimens to Bamberg and there is no doubt but that they are boll weevils. The weevils are reported to have been found in the Oak Grove section of the county, but this report has not been confirmed.

Mr. Briggs is arranging to hold a farmers' meeting in the section adjacent to Mr. Kinard's place some time about the first of September at which time, ways and means will be discussed for the proper dealing with the weevil. Experts from Clemson College will be present and tell the farmers what others have done to successfully compete with the boll weevil, and just what measures are necessary in order to protect the farming interests where the boll weevil has appeared.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Concord Township.
July 13.—Sold by J. J. Britton to J. B. Britton, 175 acres, price \$5,000.

Manchester Township.
July 25.—Sold by L. H. Deas to R. A. Bradham, 647 acres, price \$5,000.

Privater Township.
Aug. 5.—T. W. Nicholas to D. D. McLeod, 35 acres, \$1,400.

Providence.
July 14.—R. W. Westberry to W. W. Gordon, 70 7-10 acres, \$5,656.

July 14.—C. M. Hurst, sheriff, to H. C. Haynsworth, et al. 20 1-4 acres, \$4,750.

July 25.—Sumter County Stock Farm to George Michaux, 19 4-10 acres, \$2,000.

July 28.—W. W. and M. G. Lenoir to Joshua Capers and Herbert Shannon, 52 7-10 acres, \$4,000.

July 29.—Joshua Capers to Adville Shannon, 52 7-10 acres, \$5,000.

July 25.—E. G. Myers, et al. to J. H. Myers, 100 acres, \$15,000.

Aug. 4.—Celia Deas, et al. to Est. Eva Bultman, 35 acres, \$100.00.

Raffing Creek.
July 21.—C. M. Hurst, sheriff, to J. H. Clifton, 1 lot, \$971.

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Stateburg.
July 21.—Mrs. F. V. Jennings, to Horton Vaughn, 47 1-2 acres, \$3,500.

Dec. 18.—Lewis Prioleau, et al. Allen China, 4 acres, \$160.

July 28.—Josh Murray to Louis Robinson, et al. 1 acre, \$10.00.

Shiloh.
Dec. 16.—J. H. Clifton to J. C. McElveen, 318 acres, \$24,000.

July 24.—C. M. Hurst to F. A. McLeod, 13 acres, \$14,432.

July 23.—L. H. Deas to R. A. Bradham 1718 acres, \$5,000.

July 19.—Richard Dicks to Ben Albert, 1 lot, \$375.

July 21.—W. L. Marshall to M. S. Jones, 2 lots, \$100.

July 21.—Alfred Long to W. N. Hook, 1 lot, \$175.

July 23.—Mary E. Lyles to L. E. Woods, 1 lot, \$183.

July 26.—Victor Baula to J. A. Stuckey, 73 acres, \$10,950.

Feb. 12.—The Master to Katie Knox, 1 lot, \$50.

July 23.—L. B. Stubbs to Shedrick Vaughn, 1 lot, \$275.

July 29.—Mary E. Lyles to F. M. Ramsey, 2 lots, \$500.

Aug. 2.—C. M. Hurst to Claremont Land Co., 25 lots, \$500.

Mar. 18.—William Haynsworth to Anna C. Loring, 10 lots, \$750.

SUMTER TOWNSHIP.
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July 19.—Geo. D. Shore, Jr., to Mrs. F. V. Jennings, 2 lots, \$4,400.

July 19.—L. D. Jennings to Bartow Walsh, 1 lot, \$150.

Mar. 20.—The Master to D. D. Meise and B. F. Bultman, 4 lots, 4 houses, \$5,000.

July 22.—Janie E. Smith to A. S. Merrimon, 1 lot, \$75.

June 30.—Eliza A. Williams to R. C. Williams, 1 lot, 1 house, \$5,000.

July 15.—Felix Stiede to F. H. Duke, 1 lot, house, \$7,000.

July 25.—W. K. Wright to J. C. Pate, 1 lot, 1 house, \$3,500.

July 24.—E. T. and Fannie White to M. P. Benton, 1 lot, 1 house, \$3,600.

Aug. 1.—J. H. Clifton to Ella Jones, 1 lot, 1 house, \$5,500.

July 22.—E. R. LaBruce to A. D. Harby, et al. 1 lot, \$875.

July 31.—Virginia Thompson to S. E. Mitchell, 1 lot, 1 house, \$3,500.

July 30.—August 4.—J. P. Booth to H. R. Kristianson, one lot, one house, \$4,750.

June 2.—Est. J. L. McCollum, to T. C. McKnight, one lot, one house, \$3,500.

July 25.—Bartow Walsh to J. R. Mellette, two lots, one house, \$1,900.

June 12.—T. B. Jenkins, to Mrs. W. H. Shelley, one lot, \$1,500.

MACHINE FOR CAMP ALICE

Some time ago through these columns, the word was put forth that a sewing machine was very much needed at Camp Alice for repair work and the putting together of certain articles and now that need has been satisfied for an appeal never goes to the Sumter public in vain.

The Missionary Society of Trinity Methodist Church has presented the Camp with a splendid machine. The Society had loaned it to the Red Cross work room, but now that there was no longer a need for it these ladies have given it outright to Camp Alice. The Singer Sewing Machine management very kindly put the machine in perfect repair before it left the Red Cross rooms.

Paris, Aug. 16.—Samuel Compers has announced his immediate return to America to assist in the solution of the labor problems.

Paris, Aug. 15.—The first German officers and soldiers accused of crimes during the occupation of Belgium have arrived at Lille for trial.

AMERICA WAITING ON CARRANZA

Active Intervention by United States Considered Remote Possibility at Present

Washington Aug. 15.—No answer to the reply of the Mexican government to the state department's warning that failure to protect Americans might result in a radical change of policy will be made. Officials explained today that the United States would wait until President Carranza displayed either unwillingness or inability to afford Americans protection they had a right to expect before taking further action.

One of the first possibilities of action, should the government be forced to it, would be to withdraw diplomatic representatives or even to withdraw recognition of the Carranza government. Active intervention is considered in the most quarters a remote measure at this stage.

The Carranza government by special provision has been receiving arms and ammunition from the United States, but it was indicated today that the decree forbidding exportation of war munitions to Mexico would be applied to the government as well as to individuals until further proof has been given that foreigners would receive adequate protection.

EMPEROR CHARLES CLAIMS THRONE

Former Emperor of Austria Says He is King of Hungary

Berlin, Aug. 15.—A courier has arrived in Budapest, according to reports received here, with a letter from former Emperor Charles to Archduke Joseph, in which Charles declares he is still the crowned king of Hungary and commissions Joseph to take over the sovereign power until his return. The report adds that the letter thanks the archduke for services rendered the dynasty.

Count Michael Karolyi, former president of Hungary, is reported to have told a well known political personage whom he met at Karlsbad that Austrian court circles supported the "entente plan" of placing young Archduke Otto, the older son of former Emperor Charles, on the Austrian throne. The plan, Karolyi is reported to have said, is supported by Clericals and Christian Socialists.

Count Karolyi said that Stephen Friedrich, minister of war in the new Hungarian cabinet, when in his government, was very radical. The count said that when the castle in Budapest was stormed in November Friedrich would not desert from a personal attack on Archduke Joseph, declaring that all the Hapsburgs must be driven out.

CANADA'S INDUSTRIAL FUTURE

National Conference to Be Held Next Month

Ottawa, Ont., Aug. 12.—The industrial future of Canada may be influenced to a marked degree by the meeting of the National Industrial Conference to be held here September 11, to discuss labor problems in the Dominion.

Building contracts said to amount to millions of dollars have been held up pending some action by the federal government or an agreement between capital and labor which would tend to restore industrial tranquility.

The conference will be attended by representatives of the Dominion and provincial governments, employers and labor leaders from all branches of industry.

Subjects to be considered will include the right of employees to organize, recognition of labor unions, collective bargaining and the suggestion by the Royal Commission on Industrial relations that a bureau be established to promote the organization of joint industrial councils. Labor features of the peace treaty all will be brought up for discussion.

YOUTH GIVEN BAIL

Buster Cooker Released From Spartanburg Jail

Spartanburg, Aug. 15.—An order has been signed placing bail for Buster Cooker in the sum of \$1,000, following application of C. C. Wyche, attorney for young Cooker. Bond has been furnished and the little eight year old boy released from the county jail.

The boy is charged with having shot and killed his little five year old brother at Woodruff seven days ago when the two children were alone in their home. The youngster is stated to have thrown water in his brother's face, which aroused the anger of the latter, who, it is claimed, climbed into the attic, secured a single-barreled shotgun and committed the crime.

Hold On to War Risk Insurance.

"I'm hanging on to my war insurance," said a returned soldier in Atlanta the other day. "Two reasons—I can't get any other for as little money, and as a matter of fact, I can't get any other at all. Can't stand the physical examination now."

The soldier, now discharged and back at his old work in civil life, showed plainly that he had the idea. War insurance is good business. It is a good investment. It is the cheapest insurance that ever was. And the discharged soldier has five years in which to convert it into any one of half a dozen or more different types.

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For your protection, Calotabs are sold only in original sealed packages, price thirty-five cents. At all drug stores.—(adv.)

ANARCHY IN HUNGARY

People Face a Winter of Starvation.

(Correspondence of Associated Press)
Vienna, Aug. 12.—The government has decreed that it will take over all gold, silver, jewelry, foreign bonds and forests which are in the possession of private individuals, who will receive compensation for them. One of the government's objects is to obtain funds to purchase coal and raw materials in order to provide work for the people, incidentally to buy foodstuffs, without which the starvation conditions of last winter will be horribly accentuated this fall.

It is predicted that unless the Allies occupy Budapest and end the present communist regime the country's crops will be wasted and the people will starve in the coming winter.

The first effect of a kind of blockade established by a force of American soldiers along the Austrian frontier of Hungary will be to prevent money, or materials which represent money, from flowing out of the country, for it is known that the Communists are sending money abroad for propaganda purposes.

The Americans are experiencing great difficulties in controlling an immense amount of contraband traffic that has sprung up in all border towns like Bruck, through which the Communists are smuggling out money and Hungarians who fled to Vienna are trying to bring out their buried treasures and bonds. There is said to exist a special smuggling service carried out by airplanes by means of which hundreds of millions of crowns have been conveyed out of the country.

GUARD OIL INTERESTS IN MEXICO

Mexico City, Aug. 16.—The supreme court has decided to consider writs of American oil interests against Carranza decrees at once, in an effort to remove the cause of clashes below the border.

RAILROAD CASUALTIES IN FRANCE

Paris, Aug. 15.—Seven were killed and thirty-four injured in a collision between an express and troop train today.

The Cotton Association campaign meeting will be held in this city for the purpose of completing the organization in Sumter county on August 20th. Dr. H. N. Snyder, president of Wofford College, will make the principal address. Meetings will be held in every county in the state. Governor Manning, Mr. L. D. Jennings and Rev. D. M. McLeod are scheduled to speak at several meetings, each, in other counties.

Budapest, Aug. 16.—Archduke Joseph has appointed a new government with Stephen Friedrich as premier.

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SECURE EXPERT COTTON CLASSERS

They Will Be Stationed at Seven S. C. County Seats

Washington, Aug. 15.—Expert cotton classers provided by the Federal Bureau of Markets will be stationed for the coming season at seven South Carolina county seats, announces Senator N. B. Dial, who has been actively interesting himself in securing this service.

This autumn graders will be stationed not only at Darlington, Sumter and Orangeburg, as last year, but also at Laurens, Anderson, Greenwood and Manning. Funds are derived from three sources. Part of the money is supplied by the federal bureau of markets; part is provided by the national government under the terms of the Smith-Lever act, and the remainder is raised locally by subscription, by county appropriation or otherwise.

The number of places at which the work can be maintained is limited both by the funds available and the scarcity of qualified men. Local cooperation includes not only a considerable cash sum in each case varying between \$1,000 and \$2,500, to help pay the grader, but also a grading room, a clerk and provision for incidental expenses.

County agents and others interested who have investigated the service as operated last year at Darlington, Sumter and Orangeburg have found the experience entirely satisfactory. Mr. D. Moore, demonstration agent for Laurens county, wrote Senator Dial that farmers of Darlington county told him the expert classer had been worth to them many times his salary. Not

many farmers know just what grades of cotton they produce.

D. W. Watkins of Clemson College, is acting as director of cooperative extension work in agriculture and home economics for South Carolina, is in charge of the cotton classing service. Mr. Watkins has informed Senator Dial that all details have not been completed, but the local funds have been provided for at Laurens and Manning.

RAIN CAUSES SEABOARD WRECK

Patrick, August 15.—A terrific electric and rain storm this afternoon passed over Patrick lasting one hour. Several inches of rain fell causing a washout on Seaboard Air Line one-half mile south of Patrick, derailing five cars of train No. 2. No passengers were seriously hurt. Track torn up some distance. Train No. 3 south, derailed over Atlantic Coast Line Railway, via Cheraw.

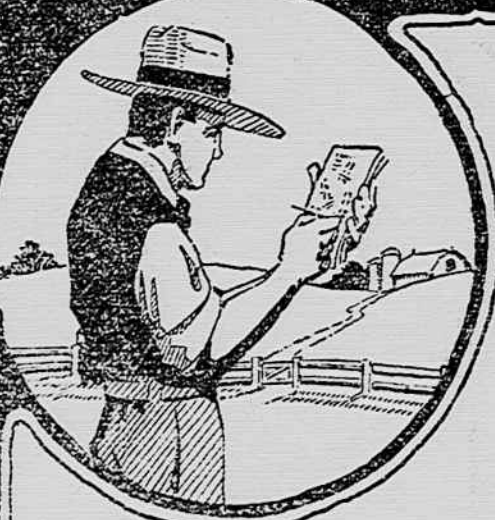
HERBERT HOOVER GETS MEMORIAL

Warsaw, Aug. 16.—Men and women representing the Polish Socialist party, presented Herbert Hoover with a memorial expressing their gratitude to the American people for the aid given in the last six months.

COST OF LIVING RISES 80 PER CENT

Washington, Aug. 16.—The cost of living in the principal cities of the United States has risen eighty per cent during the last four and a half years. The Bureau of Labor reports show that the South has been affected as heavily as other sections.

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South Carolina farms can be sold to better advantage now than ever before. Crop values in 1918 increased Ninety Million Dollars. Money is plentiful. There is a demand for small farms. By subdividing your farm or idle land we can sell it at auction for you quickly and profitably. Note the prices brought by these South Carolina Farms sold through us.

Date of Sale	Owner	Location	Am't Sold For
Aug. 31, 1918	C. O. Dixon, Esq.	Near Mullins, S. C.	\$42,999.16
Sept. 10, 1918	H. N. Singletary, Esq.	" Lake City, S. C.	66,723.66
Sept. 11, 1918	Durant, Horton & Floyd	" Manning, S. C.	35,294.62
Sept. 13, 1918	Mrs. Mary J. Harrell	" Darlington, S. C.	25,134.56
Sept. 14, 1918	J. D. Coker, Esq.	" Hartsville, S. C.	10,116.20
Oct. 1, 1918	F. L. & John Wilcox	" Timmonsville, S. C.	71,589.85
Oct. 9, 1918	W. T. Wilkins, Esq.	" Kingstree, S. C.	19,206.72
Nov. 19, 1918	York Real Estate Co.	York, S. C.	11,331.25
May 7, 1919	Catawba Real Estate Co.	Rock Hill, S. C.	17,500.00

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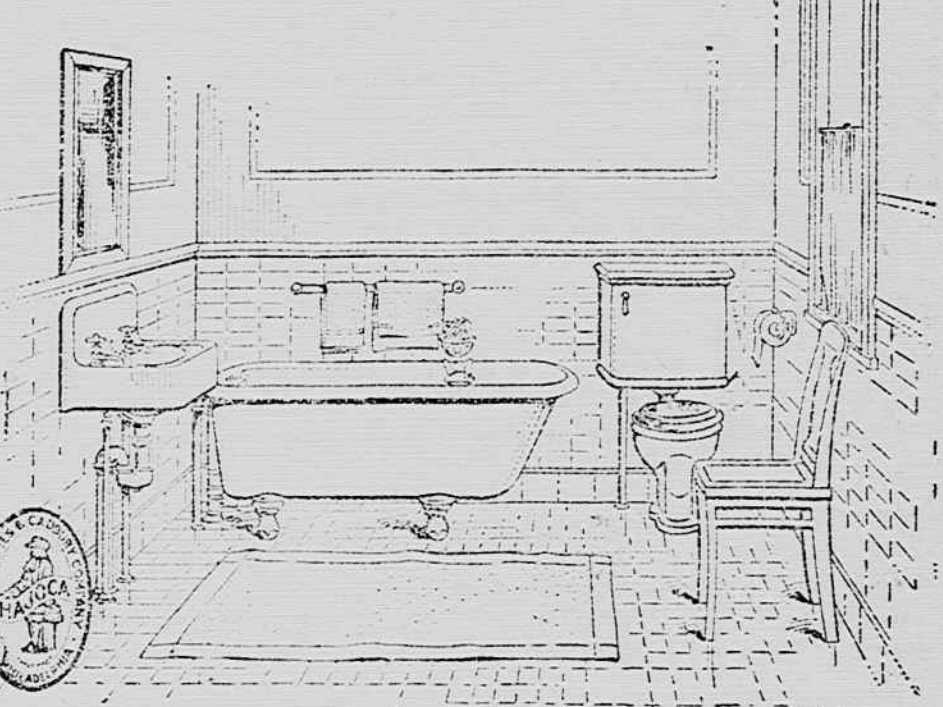
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